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Cc: Young, Nestor[Young.Nestor@epa.gov]; Taylor, Dawn[Taylor.Dawn@epa.gov]; Hill, Franklin[Hill.Franklin@epa.gov]; Chaffins, Randall[Chaffins.Randall@epa.gov]
From: Crowley, Jeffery
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 7:33:54 PM
Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

There are no new investigations scheduled at Henry's Knob. We will be starting some Interim Measures (vegetative cover on tailings ponds) later this month as well as some dam improvement measures later this year.

Jeffery J. Crowley | Remedial Project Manager

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

From: Rigger, Don
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:01 PM
To: Carr, Lofton; Teichert, Candice; Crowley, Jeffery; Zeller, Craig
Cc: Young, Nestor; Taylor, Dawn; Hill, Franklin; Chaffins, Randall
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

RPMs – please read the message from Administrator McCarthy at the end of this string of emails. As you will see in the highlighted passage, we are being instructed to cease investigatory work at mining sites. I am not aware of any such work going on at any of our 5 mining sites right now. Please confirm this is correct (reply to all). Also, please let me know if any mobilizations are planned in the next few months for investigatory work (reply to all). Please reply by 4:15 today. Thanks,

Don

From: Chaffins, Randall
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:10 PM
To: Hill, Franklin; Rigger, Don

Subject: Fwd: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Giacalone, Kristin" <Giacalone.Kristin@epa.gov>
Date: August 12, 2015 at 11:06:51 AM PDT
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Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Here you go

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From: Woolford, James
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:17 PM
To: Stalcup, Dana; Mahmud, Shahid; Cooke, Maryt; Bertrand, Charlotte; Barmakian, Nancy; Mugdan, Walter; Rodrigues, Cecil; Hill, Franklin; Giacalone, Kristin; Karl,

Richard; Edlund, Carl; Peterson, Mary; Hestmark, Martin; Manzanilla, Enrique; Albright, Rick; Ammon, Doug; Fitz-James, Schatzi; Mackey, Cyndy; Michaud, John; Wells, Suzanne; Scozzafava, MichaelE; Jeng, Richard; Flaks, Art; Jennings, Robert; Heimerman, Jeffrey; Greenberg, Marc; Valdes, Dennisses; Barr, Pamela

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DDs - Per voice mails.

Others FYI

Jim Woolford, Director
Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation
US EPA

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Please excuse typos

From: [Stanislaus, Mathy](#)
Sent: 8/12/2015 1:08 PM
To: [Woolford, James](#); [Cheatham, Reggie](#); [Tulis, Dana](#); [Breen, Barry](#); [Natarajan, Nitin](#)
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

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From: Administrator/Ex. 6
Sent: 8/12/2015 11:51 AM
To: [Blumenfeld, Jared](#); [Curry, Ron](#); [Enck, Judith](#); [Garvin, Shawn](#); [Hague, Mark](#); [Hedman, Susan](#); [McGrath, Shaun](#); [McLerran, Dennis](#); [McTeerToney, Heather](#); [Spalding, Curt](#)
Cc: [Fritz, Matthew](#); [Stanislaus, Mathy](#)
Subject: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Good morning everyone,

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may

be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.

Thank you.